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SUBJ: AMERICAN LEGAL SUPPORT FOR CONDEMNED BLACK POWER
TRINIDADIAN

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1. KUNSTLER AND RATTNER VISITED PORT OF SPAIN JUNE 15-17
IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO SEE MALIK IN PRISON. KUNSTLER
REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS CONTACTED BY MRS. MALIK IN ST. CROIX,
WHERE HE WAS INVESTIGATING THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY MURDER TRIAL,
AND AGREED TO MAKE THE EFFORT. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, HE
ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN WOMEN'S LIBERATION AUTHOR KATE MILLET
IS IN LONDON TO SEARCH FOR SUPPORT FOR THE "MALIK MUST NOT
HANG" COMMITTEE. PROMINENT PERSONALITIES IN BRITAIN, INCLUD-
ING SIR DINGLE FOOT AND LORD ANTHONY GIFFORD, ALREADY HAVE
GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT, ACCORDING TO KUNSTLER.

2. BLACK POWER MILITANT MALIK LOST HIS COURT APPEAL AND NOW
IS APPEALING TO THE BRITISH PRIVY COUNCIL TO SET ASIDE HIS
DEATH SENTENCE FOR MURDER. KUNSTLER'S EFFORTS TO STIR UP
PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR MALIK IN THE U. S. AND GREAT BRITAIN
CONTINUE TO ANGER TRINIDADIAN LEGAL AND SECURITY OFFICIALS.
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INDEED IN BRIEF DISCUSSION YESTERDAY ATTORNEY GENERAL LEFT
DCM IN NO DOUBT ABOUT GOTT' S DISTRESS OVER KUNSTLER' S
PRESENCE, ALTHOUGH HE WROTE OFF RATTNER AS " WINDOW- DRESSING".
KUNSTLER FOR HIS PART ATTACKED " GROSS IMPOLITENESS OF
SENIOR GOTT OFFICIALS.

3. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT IT APPEARS THAT KUNSTLER AND RATTNER
ARE NOT GENERATING SUBSTANTIAL INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. HOWEVER,
IF THEY ARE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT TO BRING ANGELA
DAVIS (OR SOME OTHER PROMINENT POLITICAL FIREBRAND) TO PORT
OF SPAIN, IT COULD FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON MALIK ,
AND PRESENT GOTT WITH AGONIZING DECISION OF WHETHER TO ADMIT
HER REMINISCENT OF SOUL- SEARCHING THAT LED STOKELEY CARMICHAEL
TO BE BARRED SOME YEARS AGO. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO-
MATION AMEMBASSY LONDON CAN PROVIDE ON THE EXTENT OF BRITISH
PUBLIC AWARENESS, IF ANY, OF MALIK CASE.
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